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Drug Overdose Claims 12 Lives Weekly in India, Says NCRB

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According to the latest data from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), India reports an average of 12 drug overdose deaths every week, underscoring the growing threat of substance abuse in the country. Experts say the rise in fatalities is linked to the easy availability of prescription drugs, synthetic opioids, and recreational substances.



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The National Crime Records Bureau or the NCRB, has said at least 12 lives were lost every week in India due to drug overdose, in 2023, the year for which the latest data is available. The figure translates to an average of nearly two deaths per day. According to the agency, there has been a concerning trend in specific states, with Punjab and Rajasthan consistently recording a high number of overdose deaths.

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